

# THE SMOKE SIGNAL

## APPLICATION 2018-19

**BASIC INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Period Rm \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade (*circle one*)                      Freshman                      Sophomore                      Junior

List the classes you plan to take next year (2018-19), not including Journalism. You may leave blanks if you are uncertain, but fill in as much as possible. *Note: Do not register for Journalism but list an elective that you will drop if chosen for the class.*

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6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Limiting yourself to the space provided, list your school-related extracurricular activities (in order of importance to you). These may include school sports, clubs, student government, etc.

Example:

Ex. Baseball	9-10	10	40	Captain (9-10)
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Activity	Grades Involved	hrs/wk	wks/yr	Position(s) Held (Grades)

**OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES**

Limiting yourself to the space provided, list your activities outside of school (in order of importance to you). These may include community service, work experience, musical interests, etc.

Activity	Grades Involved	hrs/wk	wks/yr	Position Held (Grades)

**WRITING ABILITY**

A. List all of your high school English teachers and the grades you received each semester.

Teacher	Honors? (yes/no)	1st Semester Grade	2nd Semester Grade
9th			
10th			
11th			

B. Please attach a graded essay from your current English class. (Photocopies are acceptable, but the essay must have teacher feedback written on it, or have the score initialed by the teacher.)

C. Please attach an article from a newspaper or magazine that you found insightful, inspiring, or interesting. Write a paragraph or two about your thoughts and feelings on the article (the approach it took, the writing technique, etc.) and explain why you liked it.

**NEWS EXPERIENCE**

Do you have any experience in reporting or layout work related to newspapers or magazines? If so, please provide the name of the publication or employer and briefly describe your contribution in the space provided below.

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**GRAPHICS EXPERIENCE**

A. Have you taken any of the following classes, either on or off campus? (*Circle all that apply.*)

Art                  Digital Imaging                  Photography                  Other Art/Graphic Design

Please Specify if you chose "Other Art/Graphic Design": \_\_\_\_\_

B. Are you interested in offering your photographic skills to the *Smoke Signal*?

Yes                  No

C. Are you interested in offering your artistic skills to the *Smoke Signal*?

Yes                  No

If your answer is yes for B or C, proceed to D and E. If not, skip to the next section.

D. Do you have any experience with Adobe Photoshop and/or InDesign, or other graphic design programs?

Yes                  No

If yes, which programs do you use? Describe your level of experience.

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E. Please attach sample drawings, comics, Photoshop art, layouts, paintings, or photographs behind your writing samples. Samples should be at most 8.5" x 11" (if you want to submit something larger, contact us at [eic@thesmokesignal.org](mailto:eic@thesmokesignal.org)). All artwork will be returned. Sending an electronic copy of the samples to [applications@thesmokesignal.org](mailto:applications@thesmokesignal.org) with the subject line "Smoke Signal J1 Application Artwork (insert name)" in addition to attaching a printed copy is HIGHLY ADVISED if possible.

**TECH EXPERIENCE**

A. Have you had any experience with web programming, mobile app design, or knowledge of tech support?

If yes, please indicate which:

Yes, I have experience in: \_\_\_\_\_

No

If yes, please describe your level of experience.

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**QUICK TAKES**

A. This is our chance to get to know you. Be honest, and don't stress over these because there are no right answers. Please answer only in the space provided.

Last book you read for pleasure

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Best movie of all time

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Most prized possession

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Source of inspiration

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Way to relax

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Dream job \_\_\_\_\_

Role model(s)

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**Name your favorite:**

TV show(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Musician(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Magazine(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Food(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Quote \_\_\_\_\_

B. What's the best advice you've ever received?

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Name three hobbies:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Name three accomplishments:

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E. List the films, performances, festivals, etc. you enjoyed most in the past year:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

F. What are three adjectives that your friends would use to describe you?

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\_\_\_\_\_

### SHORT ANSWER SECTION

Please answer these questions on a typed separate sheet of paper, stapled to the back of your application (behind writing samples and in front of art samples). Limit each response to 150 words or less.

1. It takes courage to criticize. What could the *Smoke Signal* do better (aside from catching grammar and spelling mistakes)? What changes would you implement to improve the newspaper?
2. How would you uniquely benefit the *Smoke Signal*?
3. Describe an ideal day.
4. Tell us about your interest in journalism. What do you hope to learn from being in the *Smoke Signal*?

**MOCK ARTICLE**

Write a 300-500 word mock article (format your page with two columns, 12 pt. Garamond font, single-spaced, and specify the number of words). It can be about any topic in one of the following sections of the *Smoke Signal*: News, Opinion, Feature, Arts and Entertainment, or Sports. Please specify the intended section. The article should also have a headline.

**INTERVIEWS**

Interview times will not be offered to all applicants; only those who have passed the initial application screening process will be granted an interview with the editorial board. The interview schedule will be posted online at [www.thesmokesignal.org](http://www.thesmokesignal.org) and on the outside of the M-2 doors. Once an interview time and date has been set, it cannot be changed.

Please state your preference:    Lunch \_\_\_\_\_    After School \_\_\_\_\_    Either \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a time you absolutely cannot make? Please explain. (Club meetings are **not** an excuse.)

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ENGLISH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

<hr/> Date you received form
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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE TEACHER:

Please make note of the date you received this form in the box above. Recommendations should be folded, stapled, and placed in Mrs. Cohen's box by Feb. 23, 2018. Thank you for your time.

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE(S) TAUGHT STUDENT:      9      10      11      HONORS      COLLEGE PREP

GRADES STUDENT EARNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE EVALUATE THE APPLICANT IN TERMS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS BELOW.

	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENT	EXCEPTIONAL
TEAMWORK	<input type="checkbox"/>				
WORK ETHIC	<input type="checkbox"/>				
LEADERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>				
ENTHUSIASM	<input type="checkbox"/>				
INTEGRITY	<input type="checkbox"/>				
CREATIVITY	<input type="checkbox"/>				
INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY	<input type="checkbox"/>				
ORAL COMMUNICATION	<input type="checkbox"/>				
WRITING ABILITY	<input type="checkbox"/>				

I RECOMMEND THIS STUDENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> NOT AT ALL	<input type="checkbox"/> WITH RESERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIRLY STRONGLY	<input type="checkbox"/> STRONGLY	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTHUSIASTICALLY
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

TEACHER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_